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Notice to Contractors.
SEALED Tenders, addressed to the undersigned
and marked "Tender for Highway Bridge,"
will be received by the undersigned until
the 10th day of January, 1885, at 10 o'clock
a.m. in the office of the undersigned, at the
City of Brandon, in the Province of Manitoba.
General conditions, form of tender, and all
necessary information can be obtained at this
Department on and after the 10th day of
December, 1884.
Tenders must be made on the printed form
supplied.
Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted
bank check or made payable to the order of
the undersigned, in the sum of \$100.00, which
will be forfeited if the tender is not accepted.
The tender must be made on the printed form
supplied.
The Department will not be bound to accept
the lowest or any tender.
By order,
F. H. ENNIS, Secretary,
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, Nov. 28th, 1884.

Notice to Creditors.
All creditors of Mortimer H. Garner, of the
City of Brandon, in the Province of Manitoba,
are hereby notified to file with the undersigned
on or before the 31st day of December
instant, a detailed statement of their respective
claims against the said Mortimer H. Garner.
KILLAM, RICHARD, BROPHY & VIVIAN,
Solicitors, etc., Winnipeg.

1690. King William, 1690.
NO SURRENDER.
LOYAL Obedience Lodge, No. 1, 1/31, will be opened
on New Year's Eve, in Palm Creek. All
members of the lodge are invited to be present.
On the day of the lodge will be held in the school house,
in the evening of the same day, a dinner will be
given. Trained and equipped. After which the
dinner will be given by the following gentlemen:
Rev. Geo. Adams, of South City, C. C. C. C.,
Brandon, and some of our local gentlemen. All
well wishers of the order are invited to attend,
and enjoy a treat, as the committee will make no
charge for the entertainment of the order.
Music will be furnished by the school
band. Tickets 50 cents.

The Portage Grit print recently made an attempt to show that the Canadian duties had nothing to do with the higher price of wheat in Manitoba than in Dakota, and we asked a simple question, viz., if the duties were not there would not the American grain come in and cut down the prices of this country? The reply is that any school boy should answer the question. All we have to say is that if the Liberal's readers are satisfied with that kind of argument, it is an evidence they have learned but little under the print station. Any print that takes an issue on a principle ought not to fight shy of any question affecting that principle.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.
The council met last Monday to finish business for this year.

A. H. Sentre has finished gunning for this season. He has a barrel of pickled ducks, upwards of one hundred fresh ones, two hundred rabbits, a dozen partridges, a large number of prairie chickens. He has been known to bag over thirty ducks in half a day. He is the crack rifle shot of the settlement.

The farmers are all through thrashing and have realized a fair yield throughout. There are large numbers of loads of grain going to Minnedosa daily.

Weddings are becoming quite plentiful. The cold weather is putting the bachelors in hot water.

We expect to have a turkey shot here in Christmas.

We are anxiously looking for next fall when the railroad is expected to be up this far.

Mayor Day of Brandon and Mayor Cregar of Minnedosa passed through here on Tuesday en route to Birtle.

Mr. Parkinson, merchant here is doing a large business having loads of goods arriving daily via Minnedosa.

We expect to have a lively time at the Municipal Elections. A bit contest between the councillors, but our Reeve, Mr. Meuzie, is expected to be elected by a large majority.

COMMUNICATIONS
THE WESTERN JUDICIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of Brandon Mail.

Sir:—My attention has been drawn to the fact that it has been stated at public meetings held in the County of Brandon and also is a matter of discussion amongst the ratepayers of other portions of the district that Mr. Bachan, the secretary treasurer of the Western Judicial District Board, in addition to his salary of \$2,000 per annum, is also in receipt of ten per cent. upon the arrears of taxes collected by him?

As such statements as these are made with an evident desire upon the part of those making them to injure Mr. Bachan, or the Board, without making proper enquiry as to the truth of the matter. I feel it my duty to state to the ratepayers of the district through your columns, and particularly those gentlemen who are so interested in circulating the above story, that Mr. Bachan is not in receipt of, nor has he received, nor is he entitled to receive anything over and above his salary of two thousand dollars per annum and consequently he has not received the ten per cent. upon arrears of taxes referred to.

I might also add that Mr. Bachan has to pay out of his salary \$125 per annum for the \$10,000 guarantee policy which he has to furnish the Board.

If these people who are so fond of criticising the working of the District Board would take the trouble to call upon the secretaries, and ascertain from him the amount of work and responsibility attached to his office they might arrive at a different conclusion upon the subject.

I am Sir, Yours Truly,
T. M. DALY,
Chairman; W. J. D. B.
Brandon, December 22nd, 1884.

WOODWORTH COUNCIL

Council met at Ralplhton school house on Nov. 22nd. Members all present.

Spicers—Nichols, that as it appears north 1/2 16, tp. 10, range 24, is wrongfully assessed to D. Guest, the treasurer is hereby assessed to rectify the matter, by putting said lot on the non-resident roll. Carried.

Frame—Spicers, that the sum of two hundred dollars be paid to Thos. Brandon, secy treas., of Anworth school section, also fifty dollars each to Ralplhton, Rowan and Blair schools. Carried.

Hunter—Brandon, that an order be drawn on the treasurer in favor of Arthur McGagart, for \$4.50, being computation tax for north-west 1/2 2-12-23, also in favor of Thos. Clendinning, for \$7.50, for east 1/2 21-12-23; the labor having been performed. Carried.

Spicers—Brandon, that whereas Enoch Williams, having furnished Bond re Oak Lake Ferry, he be granted the sum of \$100 as per agreement. Carried.

Leask—Hunter, that the clerk notify John Morgan that he will be requested to do his road work for 1884 next year, and if he should not do so then, it will be entered against his land, as arrears of taxes, and the treasurer is authorized to receive said Morgans taxes, less the computation tax. Carried.

Brandon—Frame, that this council instruct Mr. Parr to use his best judgment in collecting the taxes to disburse if necessary, and consult the solicitor if required. Carried.

Frame—Brandon, that seven dollars of his taxes be remitted to John Parr, as we consider his assessment to high. Also that the taxes be remitted to the following parties viz: Robert Leaves, Mr. Ratteox, and Mrs. Smith. Carried.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.
J. H. Brownlee, sketches of deviation..... \$7.00
Mail Office, tax receipts &c..... 7.50
Alex. Leask, re survey..... 2.00
W. McKenzie, teaming..... 12.00
John Parr, salary..... 25.00
By-laws passed relating school sections, of "Verity" "Ryerson," and "Breadbent."

Places appointed for nomination, Ralplhton school house.
Polling places.
House of L. Todd, Rowan school house; Duncan McDonald's house Ralplhton school; Plain school house house of Jeff Wilson.

T. R. Todd Clerk.
MUNICIPALITY OF OAK-LAND.

The council met on the 13th at 11 a. m. Present R. Kinley, (Reeve) and Councillors;
Lockhart, Fowler, Hector, Carrell and Cameron.

A petition was received from James Long and six others, paying to have sections 36-35-34-25-26 27-24-23-22-13-14-15, tp. 7 range 19, west. And sections 17-18-19-20-30 29-31-32 in tp.

A LAMENTABLE FACT.

The Blondes Slowly Disappearing from This Country.

What an Octogenarian Proves by Figures and Observation - The Dark Type More Persistent Than the Light.

[New York Sun.]

One Sunday afternoon a gray old man sat near the fountain in Madison square, his thin, shrunken hands resting on the knob of a stout Malacca cane. Unkempt white hair, as glossy as silk, fell in a waving enticement over his wasted shoulders. A pair of eyes, once large and black, but now faded and sunken, with the peculiar appearance that dark eyes often contract in old age, peered from beneath grizzled brows into the faces of passers-by.

"Glad to see you," piped the old man, greeting a passer-by who recognized him. "A man of 80 is a ghost. Rather, indeed, a ghost is the better off of the two. Nobody knows me any more when I come out for an airing. I'm like one who has been dead, and has risen again to vex the survivors." He spoke with the peevish discontent of one who parted with his illusions too long ago to remember that he ever had any.

"I was just thinking," he said, abruptly, skipping from one topic to another, "what a transformation scene is going on in the physical appearance of our people—particularly in complexion. I have long been satisfied that blondes are slowly disappearing in this country—this city, at least—and I've never had better evidence of the fact than this afternoon. Since I've been sitting here, old and young, matrons and maids, thirty-seven women have crossed my eye. Only five of them were pure blondes. Half a dozen more would be classed perhaps, as mezzo tint, but at least twenty-five were distinctly brunette. It wasn't so fifty years ago and odd, when I began my profession—I told you I was a ghost," he interposed parenthetically. "As I recollect our women then, there were nearly as many blondes as brunettes. I'm sorry for the transformation, for a brunette angel is out of the question. Blondes are no more angelic in spirit than their darker sisters, perhaps. In appearance, however, perfect blonds are perfect; angelic-synonymous terms. An hour may be a brunette, with soft, dark, lustrously languishing eyes; but a good, authentic angel must have masses of golden hair and a complexion like alabaster or Parian stone with pink. So I deplore the gradual elimination of the blonde that is certainly going on in the development of the American people as a distinct type."

The old gentleman had gone on rhapsodizing until his very muscles were braced with a momentary access of vigor. He beat an impatient tattoo on the knob of his cane, and continued: "Once an old man studies his hobby he follows the advice of Longfellow, 'Take care! beware!' And the study of the coming American woman has always been a hobby of mine. What divine galleries of the beautiful I have created in my brain! What rare, ethereal girls! Talk as you please about real love being a blossom that unfolds slowly—I tell you a man was never yet desperately, heroically in love who did not fall in love at first sight. He meets the woman of his dream, and that is the end of it. In point of fact, he has known her all his life, only he has never met her before."

Again the old man turned the conversation abruptly. "It was in '39 or '41, I forget which, that I began to study the subject statistically. New York was nothing then compared to what it is now. Everybody knew everybody who was anybody. I'd like to show you my old note book, but I haven't stumbled upon it myself for years. In it I have descriptions of 100 New York ladies of that time—complexion, eyes, hair, type of beauty, etc. There were forty-one Greek noses in the collection, twenty-seven aquiline, nineteen Celestial, and thirteen more or less pug. And let me tell you, young fellow, that when a pug nose is combined with a pair of beautiful eyes it is simply irresistible; the popular notion of pug noses is a libel. Out of the 100 studies thus made the decided blondes numbered forty-seven; there were twenty-one mezzotints, with light gray or blue-gray eyes and light brown hair, and thirty-two decided brunettes. And let me state, as a singular fact, that the non-type nose belongs typically to the brunette."

"Intending, when I set out to make a memorandum on the subject once in every ten years, but, in point of fact, it was 1851 before I had leisure to pursue my purpose. This time the notes comprised descriptions of 250 women—some of whom I knew personally, others were simply represented by numbers. The proportion varied considerably, that of pure blondes having sensibly diminished. In all only eighty could be fairly classed in that category; there were seventy-nine mezzotints, and the remaining ninety-one were described as brunettes."

"In 1870 I took a third budget of notes; and subsequently wrote a paper on the subject for a London magazine. I forgot the title now, at the request of the editor, who had seen something about my hobby in an American newspaper. This time I took 100 examples only, just as they came, without discrimination. The ratio of blondes had fallen to twenty-nine in 100; that of mezzotints had risen to twenty-eight, and that of decided brunettes to forty-seven."

"In 1880 I instituted another investigation, but, in truth, I was getting old and decrepit, and the subject did not interest me as it once had. The result showed twenty-three pure blondes in every 100 women, twenty-five mezzotints, and 52 brunettes."

"You might think me romancing if I did not assure you that I really have studied the matter carefully. In our earlier history the ratio of blondes was vastly larger than now, for reasons that are very evident. Descended in the main from English and Netherlands ancestors, the population of this city, until the tendency was broken by immigration and intermarriage, showed a decided inclination to the blonde style in both sexes. This predominance remained undisturbed till about 1815, when the development of the city as a great trade and money center, brought to a large influx from the darker races of southern Europe. Since then the blonde has been slowly disappearing, for it is a remarkable fact that the dark type is more persistent than the light, under the influence of intermarriage. For example, whether the wife is dark and the husband light, or vice versa, the posterity will show the same obstinate tendency to the survival of the dark skin and eyes, and the obliteration of the light. As a substantiation I have had

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Fine Decorations and Handsome Furniture Out of Proper Place.

[Chicago News.]

"Do you know," said an observer who is sometimes called by his friends a cynic, to a companion, "that I utterly despise to see a beautiful piece of workmanship like that prostituted to such a base use?"

As he spoke he pointed to the doorway of a Fifth Avenue saloon. An outer entrance had been made which was especially attractive to the eyes of the passers-by. "See," he continued; "I have never seen anything in that line finer. Observe the beautiful design and the mass of gilt which constitutes it. And what is it there for? Simply to attract people to go in and guzzle wine. Bah!"

The two walked over to Clark street. "Just step in here," said the first. "Look at those cuspidors. Are they not elegant? See, they are of the costliest china, and you cannot fail to notice the beautiful paintings on them. Each one probably cost \$5. In some other form that china and painting would be an ornament to a parlor. But what are they for? To spit in. Ugh! Think of it! The idea of putting such a work of art to such a base use. It is enough to drive a man mad."

"Then just cast your eye at the foot-rail that runs along the bar. See how the nickel and the brass shine. That rail cost money. And what is it used for? For men with dirty boots to place their feet on."

"Well, it saves that fine counter from getting scratched up," interjected his friend.

"True enough; but, talking about feet, did you ever think when you visit a friend's house, enter the door, and stand rubbing your feet on the beautiful mat that lies there, that you are destroying a work of art? Why, it gives me the cold shivers to think that the mat which is so fine that it is a picture to look at when new should have to be there not able to enter a protest against having the filth of the streets rubbed into it. It is added insult to injury, first in putting it at the door, next in tramping dirt into it."

"But to return to saloons. See the picture, some of them contain; observe the cut glass; note the shimmering surface of the plate mirrors; cast your eye onto the silver center at the end of the bar; mark the stained glass which sheds varied and soft lights over the place, and then think that the only interest which the man who put these things there has in them is to feed people into the idea that his whisky is better than any one else's, and to hold out his wares to his customers with so much gilt on them that his dopes never find out until too late that the pill is a bitter one. Pity the clutches can't be made as attractive. Good day."

Bismarck's Unvarying Principle.

[Bismarck's "Our Cancellor,"]

We must find room for one more anecdote which shows how rigorously in his private life Bismarck applies the principle which has been the main-spring of his statecraft since he undertook to shape the fortunes of Prussia, the maxim, *Aide toi, Dieu t'aidera*. One day, so runs the story, he went out snipe-shooting with a friend. They had to traverse a quagmire, into which his companion, a short, ponderous gentleman, sank up to the armpits. After struggling in vain to extricate himself, he yelled for help to draw him out of the vile bog-hole, the muck of which was fast rising to his mouth and nose. "My beloved friend," answered Bismarck, with the utmost calm, "you will never be able to scramble out of that hole, it is quite impossible to save you. But, I'll tell you what, my boy! I'll spare you a filthy and protracted death agony by shooting you through the head." "Are you beside yourself?" screamed the other, making frantic efforts to wriggle out of the swamp. "I don't want either to suffocate or to be shot."

Raising his gun to his shoulder and taking careful aim, Bismarck replied in mournful accents: "Keep still for one second. It will soon be over. Farewell, dear friend. I will tell your wife of your last moments." Stimulated to superhuman exertions by the danger threatening him, the unlucky sportsman contrived to wrench himself out of the mud, and crawled on all fours to terra firma. As soon as he felt himself safe, he burst, of course, into a torrent of violent reproaches. Bismarck, smiling, listened to him a while, then simply remarking, "You see I was right; everyone for himself," turned his back on his infuriated companion, and strolled off to look after more snipe.

Tally Among the Great.

[New York Tribune.]

Here is a scene at one of those mutual admiration gatherings so much beloved in France. It is a dinner of literary men. M. Armand Houssaye proposes Victor Hugo's health; thus: "Victor Hugo gloriously continues the Reign of the Sovereign of Thought. Victor Hugo succeeds Voltaire as Voltaire succeeds Moliere, as Moliere succeeds Shakespeare, as Shakespeare succeeds Dante, as Dante succeeds Virgil, as Virgil succeeds Homer. I drink to Homer-Hugo." Then the "Master" graciously responds. "You ask," he says, referring to another passage in M. Houssaye's speech, "if you are a prose writer or a poet. You are a man; you are a genius. I recognize in you a contemporary whose memory will live. I feel that you and I will meet again to continue our work in the Pleiades, those immortal lights which speak the invigorating language of truth in the splendor of the beautiful."

An Editor's Election Beta.

[Chicago News.]

Mr. J. B. McCullagh's predictions in The St. Louis Globe-Democrat touching the pending political campaign are occasioning considerable discussion down east. Mr. McCullagh, as we are informed, is prepared to back his predictions with money. He has never yet lost an election wager, and during the last twelve years he has won something like \$70,000 in convention and election results. Aside from his large money bets, he won over 250 hats on Garfield's election, seventy-five canes, twenty suits of clothes, a horse and buggy, seven gold watches, forty pairs of gloves, a dozen scarf pins, a dozen silk handkerchiefs, four spring overcoats, and countless smaller articles of wearing apparel and vertu. It is somewhat remarkable that lucky as he is with political wagers, he is singularly unlucky at all other chance ventures.

A Purifying Process.

[Philadelphia Call.]

"You won't be a cynic! Mr. Lamb," remarked a Wall street broker, "your recent jargon has been simply a purifying process. Matters will be all the better for it."

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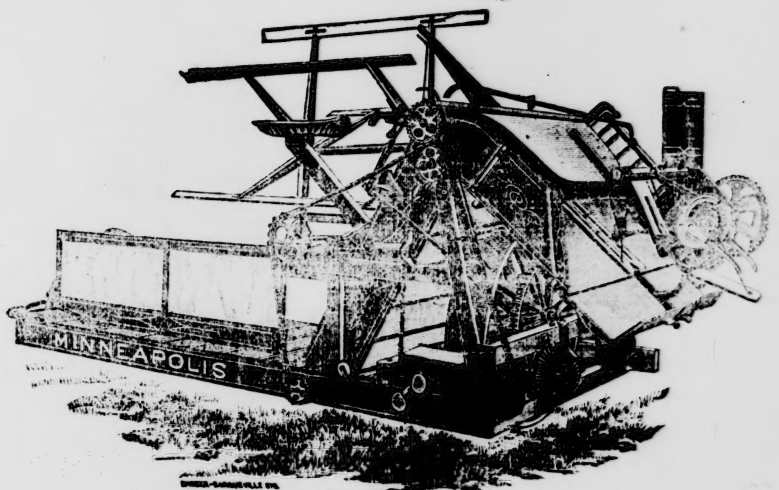
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CHAPTER VIII.

ROCKS AHEAD.

But from that moment Cargill's bearing toward Ross altered strangely. He became quite friendly—not patronizing—in talking to him, and he praised him in the cabin. So cleverly did he manage this that Ross said to himself, "Well, he is not so spiteful as I thought he was," and Annie's eyes brightened whilst she sat to herself, "Well, there is some good in him after all. I never thought he could say a kind word about Bob." For although she spoke of Mr. Ross, that person was in her thoughts plain Bob.

In fact they were all getting on in such a pleasant way that Captain Duncan began to think that Cargill had succeeded in winning the task; and he said to his daughter, when they were alone together:

"See, come to talk a man after a'?"

"I'm no wantin' a man," she said very decisively, knowing to whom her father referred.

"Ay, ay," was the peculiar observation, "ye say that, but I never ken'd a lass that didn't want a man unless she had none already."

Annie turned away her head, making no reply. But she was thinking much. What was she to do if her father insisted on this marriage with Cargill? He had said that he would not insist; but she knew how obstinate he was once he had an idea fixed in his head. Kind he was, and fond of her as a father could be of a daughter; but in his anxiety to see her "a grand body," as he called it, the conviction might be borne in upon him that he was proving his affection most by forcing her to do what he judged best for her future.

Had Annie seen the curious grin on her father's ruddy face as he made his little joke, perhaps she would not have been so uneasy. She had not seen it, but remembered what she had told him—that she would take no man without his good-will and would not take one against her own. She would hold to that.

She went toward Ross who was at the wheel. He smiled as she approached, but there was no answering smile on her face. She passed him without a word and stood with her back toward him gazing at the long track the little steamer had made.

Ross, grasping his wheel firmly, glanced around in surprise; but it was only for an instant, for he had to turn his face quickly to the coast before him. He could speak, however, although he could not look, for the coast of huge rocks is one of the most dangerous known to mariners. The Merm, it was a very slow vessel, though a safe one, and to save time, the weather being fine, they were hugging the shore, and constant watchfulness was requisite on the part of the pilot.

"Is there anything wrong?" he asked anxiously.

"No, no, no," she answered, also without changing her position.

"I'm feared there is something wrong."

"Can you tell me what it is—can I help you in it?"

She stood silent for a while, the wind whistling around them and the engines panting as the Mermad toiled her way along. At length, Annie said:

"Do you mind that day we were at the gate?"

"I shall never forget it."

"Do you mind that when I was saying there was only one time when I wished I might leave father, I did not tell you what that time was?"

"I mind every word you said, for every word was like gold to me."

"I am going to tell you now."

Her voice faltered a little as she spoke, and he listened with his heart thumping against his side. Then came the low sweet voice like a whisper of the wind.

"It was when I thought of you."

His grasp tightened on the handle of the wheel as if to keep himself from forgetting all sense of duty, and turning round to take her in his arms.

"I ken'd that, Annie, and that was what made your words so dear to me. Nothing can ever take the joy of that minute from me—I have felt it in my heart ever since, and it has comforted me whenever I thought of the possibility that you might be given away to—somebody else."

There was again a long silence. They were full of the glory of their love and could not speak. Annie was the first to find voice.

"I doubt my father is against us. He is taken up with that man, and his grand ways and his fortune and his promises, and I doubt he will

never harken to a word from you. That is what is wrong, and I'm sair troubled."

"But you will never give yourself to him."

"Never. That is what I came to tell you—I shall never take him; but I shall never take you either without father's will. And I want to tell you more, that if I am no to be yours, I shall never be anybody else's."

"I am content. I can bide my time, and it will come. Do not you fear."

She scarcely heard the comforting words, for she had turned quickly and hurried away, half-ashamed of the confession and the pledge she had given.

Ross felt as if he could have steered the Mermad against the wildest storm that ever blew. He was no mere man now, he was a giant with all a giant's strength. She had told him that her thoughts had been like his own long ago. She had pledged herself to him and the future was safe. Now he knew what he had to do. He had to satisfy her father and he would do it. There might be a little delay, but the time must come when Duncan Murray would own that he was worthy of his daughter. As for Cargill,—poor chap!—if he had any right feeling in him at all he would suffer badly by the loss. Even if it were only his vanity which was hurt, he would suffer. So, for him there was nothing but kindly pity. But on the happiness that drifted through the man as he stood at his post, guiding the little Mermad safely to her port.

Cargill, however, had no intention of being a loser in this game. They were playing. He, too, could bide his time, and he felt assured that his time was nearer than that of Ross.

It had been his purpose to make his proposal to Annie before they reached Peterhead; but he had soon seen that the time was not fitting, and he did not mean to ask her to marry him until he was pretty sure that her answer would be yes. And that time would be soon.

It was getting dark when the heavy rain that the seamen reached the rugged coast of Buchan, and the pilot, knowing the dangers of the Dun Day Rock and the Biers, was kept well on, but not so well off as one less acquainted with the coast would have done. So far, this had been the most rapid passage the slow Mermad had achieved, and Ross had good reasons for desiring to make it a remarkable one in its career.

When they were about opposite Saint Castle, the lights were up, and there was no one on deck, except Ross and the look-out. The captain was below, resting in perfect confidence of his pilot's skill, and Annie was engaged with some papers in the cabin.

Cargill came on deck, lit a cigar, and took a short turn up and down as if surveying the darkening outlines of the coast. He spoke a few words to the man on the look-out, then he walked slowly aft to Ross, who, eminent of his course in such a calm sea, and feeling some sorrow for the man whose disappointment he expected to be so great, and who had become so friendly with him lately, had no objection to exchange a word with him.

"Cold work, this, Ross, and confoundedly dull, isn't it?" he said good-naturedly.

"Neither cold nor dull, Mr. Cargill," was the cheery answer.

"Ah, you like the work, I suppose, and that makes all the difference."

Cargill seated himself on a coil of rope as he spoke.

"Of course I like it or I wouldn't be at it."

"I suppose you find it troublesome enough at times?"

"That is to be expected—all work is troublesome at times."

"You seem to be taking things easy, though, with all the perils of the deep before you."

"Whines," answered Ross, laughing.

"Wish I could do that," and a cloud of smoke went up from the cigar.

"You have never known what it was to work for your living, and that's a pity for any man."

"Ah! Do you smoke?"

"Very seldom, and never at work."

"That's a pity for you; because I have some splendid cigars here—cost a shilling each."

"Then I should not like to smoke one."

"You would if you knew what they were. Well, you won't refuse to have a drink with me? If you do, I shall think you are keeping up old scores against me."

He poured out a dram from his flask as he spoke and held it up to Ross. The latter hesitated, but remembering the trouble he was to cause this man, he said.

"It is against all rules to drink when on duty; but seeing what there has been between us and is likely to be, I won't refuse to drink your health."

He drank and Cargill slowly put the metal cup on the bottom of his flask again.

"Captain stuff that, I can tell you. Got it myself from a friend in Campobello."

"Ay, it's strong," said Ross gasping. "I wish there had been some water with it."

"Would you like some now? I'll send it to you."

"Thank you, I'll be obliged to you."

"All right," and Cargill moved on as if to fulfill his promise. He threw his cigar overboard and disappeared down the cabin stairs. But the water did not come.

Ross felt his throat parched something dreadfully to his head, making his eyes start as if they were to come out. What could this be? Surely one glass of whiskey could never have such an effect on him. It must have been very strong whiskey indeed. What a fool he had been to touch it! They were approaching the Dun Day Rock and the Biers, where he should have an his senses about him. Curse the stuff—curse it! His senses were becoming confused, his eyes dim, and everything danced before them—a devil's dance of flames, of fire and of black huge rocks. What was the matter? Could he not put himself together? He had only to hold the wheel as it was and all was right. Steady, now. He set his teeth; he would master this demon that had got possession of him.

He tried to call out, but his tongue was paralyzed. His senses were becoming more and more confused, his eyes more and more dazzled. Then a sort of frenzy seemed to come upon him. He would defy these demons! He would hold on and carry the vessel safely by the rocks.

He felt the wheeling to the wheel, thus altering the course of the Mermad so that her nose turned suddenly straight to the Dun Day Rock.

There was a moment of bewilderment on the part of the look-out then he shouted in terror:

"Good Lord! what's wrong?—we'll be on the rocks in five minutes!"

The captain heard the cry, and hurried on deck, followed by his daughter and Cargill.

At an instant the captain's quick eyes took in the terrible position. He rushed to the wheel and saw Ross lying prostrate.

"Damn! and curse him!" he almost screamed as he grasped the wheel, and with a vigorous effort wrestled round so that it turned the Mermad into safe water again.

All hands were on deck now, Annie standing apart, pale and bowed down.

"Take the drunken villain off my sight," he roared, as he tooled panting and guiding the vessel.

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